

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	MB Docket No. 16-41
Promoting the Availability of Diverse and)	
Independent Sources of Video Programming)	

**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF
COMMUNITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATORS
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INQUIRY**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators (MACTA) submits these reply comments in response to the Notice of Inquiry ("NOI"), released February 19, 2016 in the above-entitled proceeding. MACTA is a Minnesota non-profit association, representing more than 100 Minnesota cities and townships in matters related to cable television franchising; public, educational and government access programming; broadband development; and telecommunications. MACTA works closely with the League of Minnesota Cities and is a state chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA).

II. DISCUSSION

The focus of our reply comments pertain to the treatment of public, educational and government (PEG) programming by multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs), specifically in respect to how MVPDs make PEG programming information available to subscribers. MACTA concurs and supports the initial comment filing by NATOA, including the following statement:

"PEG channels must be included on cable operators and MVPDs new and future platforms as new innovations and technologies are developed. PEG program must be able to be listed, navigated, searched, recorded, and viewed by subscribers in the same ways that broadcast and commercial channels are available."

Electronic programming guides (EPGs) have become the preferred choice of how most subscribers in today's market navigate and decide what program(s) they have the ability to watch. To exclude PEG programming from how MVPDs treat the listing of commercial channels is essentially sentencing the PEG channels to cable Siberia.

III. CONCLUSION

MACTA respectfully requests the Commission to ensure MVPDs treat PEG programming channels in the same, equitable manner as the companies treat all commercial programming channels on their respective systems.

Respectfully submitted,



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